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Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

KUNG ET AL.

Examiner

Paul Durand

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 2/2/06.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 70-86 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 70-86 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 12 November 2003 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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DETAILED ACTION

Continued Examination Under 37 CFR 1.114

1. A request for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, including the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e), was filed in this application after final rejection. Since this application is eligible for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, and the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e) has been timely paid, the finality of the previous Office action has been withdrawn pursuant to 37 CFR 1.114. Applicant's submission filed on 2/2/2006 has been entered.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

2. The following is a quotation of the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall conclude with one or more claims particularly pointing out and distinctly claiming the subject matter which the applicant regards as his invention.

3. Claims 70-86 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

Applicant refers to longitudinal and transverse axes throughout the claims, but it is not evident from the specification or the drawings how these are defined.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

4. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

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(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

5. Claims 70-75 and 80-85 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Nilsson (US 4,938,739).

In regard to claims 70 and 80, Nilsson discloses the invention as claimed including a feeding assembly comprised of pairs of opposed members 1 and 2, cooperating to engage stock material 4, advancing the material through a transfer region formed by the moving members, the elements comprised of grippers 3, the grippers comprised of a center portion and laterally spaced end portion bounding the center portion when viewed along a longitudinal axis through the transfer region, the end portions of the gripper transversely overlap to bound opposing transverse sides of the path through the transfer region, while the center portion remains spaced apart so as not to overlap each other (see entire document).

In regard to claim 71 and 82, Nilsson discloses the invention as claimed including the grippers 3 arranged on opposite transverse sides of the transfer region, in a longitudinal offset and paired relation (see Figs. 1 and 2).

In regard to claims 72 and 73, Nilsson discloses the invention as claimed including each set of grippers arranged circumferentially and extending perpendicular and rotating around a common axis (see Figs. 1 and 2).

In regard to claims 74,75 and 83, Nilsson discloses the invention as claimed including transfer assemblies with grippers moving toward each other at an upstream entrance, engaging the material 4 and moving away from each other at a downstream portion, releasing the material (see Figs. 1 and 2).

In regard to claim 81, Nilsson discloses the invention as claimed including deforming opposite sides of the material (see Fig. 3).

In regard to claims 84 and 85, Nilsson discloses the invention as claimed including moving the grippers in a non-circular path, as they are connected to first and second carriages disposed on opposite transverse sides of the transfer region.

Allowable Subject Matter

6. Claims 76-79 and 86 would be allowable if rewritten to overcome the rejection(s) under 35 U.S.C. 112, 2nd paragraph, set forth in this Office action and to include all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Response to Arguments

7. Applicant's arguments with respect to the claims have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.

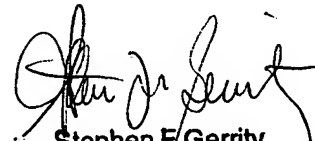
Conclusion

8. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Paul Durand whose telephone number is 571-272-4459. The examiner can normally be reached on 0730-1800, Monday - Thursday.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Rinaldi I. Rada can be reached on 571-272-4467. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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Paul Durand
February 15, 2006



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